

# ***IDANET BRIEF – State Board of Education***

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## **QUESTION: AT WHAT LEVEL WILL EDUCATION BE PARTICIPATING IN IDANET?**

### **IDANET Overview**

- High Speed Telecommunications Network
- Public/Private Partnership
- Aggregated Purchasing of telecommunications Services
- Utilizes “Anchor Tenant” Strategy

### **Benefits**

- Supports Rural Economic Development
- Encourages Broadband Deployment and Technology Improvements
- Provides Greater Access to Broadband Services
- Enhanced Educational Opportunities
- Enhanced Medical Opportunities
- Leverages and Optimizes the State’s Telecommunications Investments
- Leverages Current and Future Technologies
- Improved Access to Public Services

### **Status**

- IDANET backbone has been operational since Jan 2003
- University of Idaho and 19 Executive Agencies are currently utilizing IDANET
- Contracts are in place to acquire services to connect to IDANET in Northern, Central, and Eastern Idaho

### **Opportunities**

- IDANET was designed to support Higher Education’s needs and applications
- IDANET services compliment and support Internet access, Distance Learning, Video Conferencing and other services
- IDANET currently has capacity available and is designed to scale quickly
- IDANET services and capacity are available to connect institutions of Higher Education
- High Speed IDANET services are currently available in Boise, Meridian, and Coeur d’ Alene
- High Speed IDANET services will soon be available in Lewiston